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AND BUDGET FOR 1996

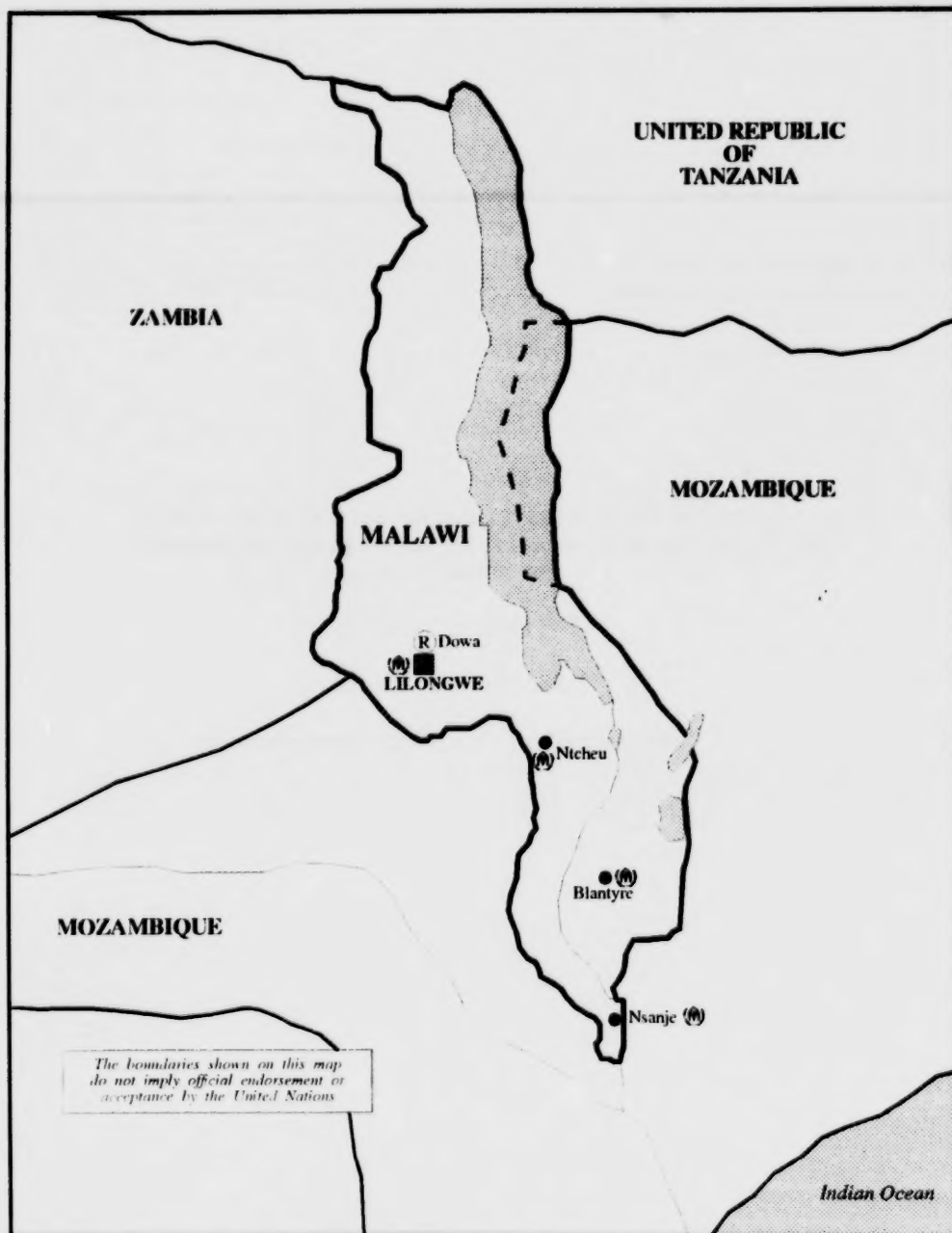
PART I. AFRICA

Section 13 - Malawi

(submitted by the High Commissioner)

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MALAWI



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■ Capital

● Town or village

⊙ UNHCR Office

R Refugee camp

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1. Beneficiary population

1. As at 31 December 1994, the Mozambican refugee population assisted by UNHCR numbered approximately 88,900. In addition, there were some 1,300 non-Mozambican asylum-seekers of various African nationalities. Most of the assisted Mozambican refugees are concentrated in the southern district of Nsanje. The reduction in the number of Mozambican refugees continued in 1995 as a result of both spontaneous and UNHCR-organized repatriation.

2. The number of non-Mozambican refugees and asylum-seekers increased from 190 at the beginning of 1994 to some 1,300 by the end of the year. Somalis, Zairians and Burundi constitute the majority of this caseload.

2. Developments in 1994 and 1995

3. The most significant development in 1994 and the first half of 1995 was the spontaneous and organized repatriation of more than 600,000 Mozambican refugees from all districts of Malawi. It is expected that the repatriation of these refugees will be concluded by September 1995.

4. The increase in the number of urban asylum-seekers necessitated the revision of the assistance programme, and engendered a restrictive attitude towards refugees by the Government. The Government allocated a site for urban refugees and asylum-seekers at Dowa which had to be renovated prior to occupancy.

3. 1996 Country programmes

(a) Objectives

5. Following the repatriation of Mozambican refugees from Malawi, efforts will continue to ensure the completion of residual activities and their handing over to the Government. Attempts will be made by UNHCR to ensure a smooth transition in the running of facilities handed over to the Government for the benefit of the local community. The Office will continue to pursue its catalyst role in encouraging the donor community to increase direct bilateral assistance for environmental rehabilitation projects, particularly in areas that have suffered from severe degradation as a result of hosting a large refugee population over many years. The Branch Office will maintain its capacity to identify and assist in the implementation of such projects.

6. During 1996, UNHCR will concentrate on assistance for urban refugees, who are likely to increase, and on the search for durable solutions in the form of local integration or repatriation.

(b) Proposed budget for 1996

7. The 1996 budgetary requirements proposed under the General Programmes allocation reflect the reduction in assistance to Mozambican refugees as a result of the successful repatriation operation.

8. Care and maintenance assistance to non-Mozambican urban refugees and asylum-seekers will continue to be provided pending the achievement of durable solutions. This assistance will focus primarily on providing food, domestic needs, health care, sanitation and community services at the Dowa refugee centre.

(c) Implementing partners

9. The Office of the President and Cabinet, through the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation Affairs, is the Government body responsible for the overall coordination of the refugee programme. The Malawi Red Cross Society or Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation Affairs will assist in the implementation of the care and maintenance assistance to urban refugees sheltered at Dowa centre.

(d) Programme Delivery and Administrative Support Costs

10. Variations due to changes in budget parameters are not discussed in the subsequent analysis (Overview of UNHCR Activities, Part I (A/AC.96/845) refers).

(i) 1994 Expenditure (all sources of funds)

11. The Programme Delivery and Administrative Support expenditure in 1994 was considerably lower than the revised estimates, mainly under the objects of expenditure related to the salaries and other common staff costs. Given the accelerated repatriation movements, and in line with the strategy for a gradual scaling down of the care and maintenance programme, an exercise was undertaken in the second half of the year which resulted in the discontinuation of a number of international and local posts at dates earlier than foreseen. The lower expenditure under other objects of expenditure was mainly due to exchange rate gains.

(ii) Revised 1995 requirements (all sources of funds)

12. In 1995, the planned scaling down is continuing with a resulting decrease, as compared to the 1995 initial allocation, in the total administrative budget. All the field offices have already been closed, except for Nsanje, which is also expected to be closed in September 1995 after the completion of the organized transport movement from that district and the consolidation of the residual activities.

(iii) Initial 1996 requirements (all sources of funds)

13. The initial 1996 Programme Delivery and Administrative Support requirements are significantly lower than the revised 1995 budget in view of the phase-out of the care and maintenance programme for the Mozambican refugees. All the operational activities under the voluntary repatriation as well as the care and maintenance programmes for the Mozambican refugees will be concluded by June 1995, with the concurrent discontinuation of the associated posts at the sub/field office locations. Only a few posts will be retained at the Branch Office beyond December 1995 to perform core protection and programme functions.

UNHCR EXPENDITURE IN MALAWI

(in thousands of United States dollars)

1994	1995		1996	
AMOUNT OBLIGATED	ALLOCATION APPROVED BY 1994 EXCOM	PROPOSED REVISED ALLOCATION	SOURCE OF FUNDS AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	PROPOSED ALLOCATION/ PROJECTION
GENERAL PROGRAMMES (1)				
11,844.0	9,433.4	3,936.0	CARE AND MAINTENANCE	616.3
2.0 a/	—	—	LOCAL SETTLEMENT	—
1,804.1	1,762.2	1,181.3	PROGRAMME DELIVERY See Overview Tables (Part II)	622.8
13 550.1	11,195.6	5,117.3	SUB-TOTAL OPERATIONS	1,239.1
90.3	81.5	74.1	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT See Overview Tables (Part II)	55.3
13,740.4	11,277.1	5,191.4	TOTAL (1)	1,294.4
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES (2)				
4,686.0	5,061.5	1,081.0	MOZAMBIQUE REPATRIATION	—
1,239.6	1,486.0	519.1	PROGRAMME DELIVERY See Overview Tables (Part II)	—
166.7	155.9	79.3	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT See Overview Tables (Part II)	—
4.1	—	—	OTHER TRUST FUNDS	—
553.7	—	—	Road construction/reafforestation	—
53.1	48.1	51.0	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT Junior Professional Officer See Overview Tables (Part II)	51.0
6,703.2	6,751.5	1,730.4	TOTAL (2)	51.0
20,443.6	18,028.6	6,921.8	GRAND TOTAL (1+2)	1,345.4

a/ obligation incurred against Other Programmes

